



## Match Report

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Opponents: WashingtonRFC  
Frederick RFC

Date: 26 Aug 06

Matches:	Navy 0	WRFC 5
	WRFC 5	Frederick 5
	Frederick 5	Navy 0

Navy Men's Rugby kicked off their fall season in a three-way tournament with the Washington and Frederick Men's teams. The meeting consisted of a number of games between all three teams; each game contained two 20 minutes halves. There would be no licking for points due since Navy elected to pass in installing temporary posts for this 'friendly' since permanent footings are expected to be installed soon.

Navy kicked off to Washington to begin. Both teams were aggressive on the ball, and played a hard match. Navy appeared to be the stronger of the sides, maintaining possession of the ball and driving the ball forward. Navy gained yardage until the five meter line, when a scrum was awarded to Washington. Washington's fly-half was able to get a good connection with the ball, and sent it out to touch at about the half. Navy regained possession, and drove the ball again, but was unable to break through the Washington line. Navy drove the ball once more to the five meter line,

but was sent out again by Washington's fly-half.

In the second half, Navy swapped out both forwards and backs, giving the coaches an opportunity to view the potential of all the players trying to make the final squad. The second side fared well against the opposing Washington team, but Navy lost a little of its drive. Though they did not have the forceful drive that the first side had, there were a number of players that broke through the Washington line to gain yardage. Unfortunately, before the 20 minutes was over, Washington was able to put one past the Navy defense for a final score of Washington 5 – Navy 0.

The next game was between Washington and Frederick teams. Washington was able to put one past the Frederick defensive line for a try. The foot of Washington's fly-half was unable to keep Frederick in their own end as Frederick's fly-half gathered and scored against Washington's open play defense, tying the game 5-5. That is

how the game ended, as both teams were unable to build any momentum.

Navy's third side took on Frederick for the start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> game and had many opportunities to score, but were brought back by the whistle. The first opportunity was a fumbled ball in Frederick's try zone, in which Navy scooped the ball and touched it down. The referee ruled that the ball had been touched down by a tackled Frederick player. Another opportunity was available to Navy when Rob Miller made a 40 yard break through the Frederick back line. As he was being chased down, he passed the ball to a teammate who had linked up with him, but the ref blew the whistle ruling the pass forward. Though Navy had their opportunities, Frederick also had theirs, scoring off of a penalty play from the 5 meter line to an unaware Navy side before the half was over.

The fourth side took the pitch and was a mix and match of veteran and new players. Some were playing

positions they have never played before, like Brian Geison, who has been playing in the back row, but was placed in the #2 position, a thin spot in Navy's depth chart. Frederick had few substitutions. Both teams played very well, and despite some new Navy legs and dominant Navy possession, they were unable to cross for a try. The final was Frederick 5 - Navy 0 from the try awarded in the first half.

All in all it was a good rugby day. Many a player realized their fitness had waned since the last time they played. And first timers produced a content grin having been anointed by our gentlemen sport and learning the meaning of 'elegant violence' first hand.

Scoring Stats:

Trys

Conversions missed

Conversions made

Penalties

Cards